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Atty. Dkt. No. AMAT/3786.Y1/CMP/CMP/RKK

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Li, et. al.

Serial No.: 09/469,709

Confirmation No.: 5296

Filed: December 21, 1999

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Reduced Erosion

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 25, 2003**

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 25, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/3786.Y1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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